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SUBJ: EXPORT CONTROLS AND EXPORT TAXES IMPOSED BY  
FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS: SWEDEN

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM  
SWEDISH BOARD OF TRADE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY DIRECTLY  
RESPONSIBLE TO SWEDISH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, AND  
FROM SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS.

1. A. ON NOVEMBER 23, 1973 SWEDISH BOARD OF  
TRADE ANNOUNCED THAT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1973,  
PETROLEUM CRUDE OIL AND WHOLE RANGE OF REFINED  
PRODUCTS CLASSIFIED UNDER BTN HEADINGS 27.09, 27.10  
AND 27.11 WOULD BE SUBJECT TO EXPORT LICENSE. CONTROL  
WAS IMPOSED TO INSURE DOMESTIC SUPPLIES IN PREVAILING  
ENERGY CRISIS.

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B. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANY PRESSURES

BEING EXERCISED FOR EXTENSION OF CURRENT EXPORT CONTROLS TO COVER ADDITIONAL PRODUCT CATEGORIES.

C. SWEDEN HAS SEVERAL BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH EAST BLOC COUNTRIES BUT NONE WAS CONCLUDED WITH INTENT OF SECURING SWEDEN'S OIL SUPPLY. RECENTLY, HIGH-LEVEL SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE VISITED SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IRAQ, LIBYA AND ALGERIA, FOR DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE SWEDISH OIL PURCHASES. NO CONCRETE RESULTS HAVE YET RESULTED FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS AND NO BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE, BUT SWEDISH OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTEDLY INDICATED WHAT SWEDEN COULD OFFER IN WAY OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND TECHNOLOGY IN EXCHANGE FOR ARAB OIL. (SEE STOCKHOLM 550.)

2. IN ADDITION TO CONTROLS OVER EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS RECENTLY INTRODUCED, EXPORT CONTROLS CURRENTLY IN FORCE ARE LARGELY IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, APPLYING TO SUCH ITEMS AS GRAIN AND CEREAL FLOURS, GROATS AND MEAL, OIL SEEDS AND OIL SEED PRODUCTS, SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS. IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, CURRENT CONTROLS ARE LIMITED TO ONLY A FEW ITEMS, INCLUDING SCRAP OF SEVERAL KINDS OF FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METALS, SHIPS (EXCEPT PLEASURE BOATS), AND SHIPS INTENDED FOR BREAKING UP. NO EXPORT TAXES ARE LEVIED ON INDUSTRIAL GOODS. LISTING OF PRESENT EXPORT CONTROLS AND TAXES IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM.

3. IN 1973 SWEDISH PRESS REPORTED THAT SWEDISH GOVERNMENT-OWNED MINING COMPANY LKAB AND PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL AND TRADING GROUP BEIJERINVEST WERE AT AN ADVANCED STATE OF NEGOTIATION WITH POLISH GOVERNMENT PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE PETROLEUM REFINERY AT GDANSK. THIS JOINTLY OWNED SWEDISH-POLISH REFINERY IS ESTIMATED TO COST APPROXIMATELY SKR 2 BILLION (\$460 MILLION) AND HAVE A THROUGHPUT OF 10 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE ANNUALLY. HALF OF REFINERY'S OUTPUT IS INTENDED FOR SWEDISH CONSUMPTION, WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLAND RETAINING THE BALANCE. REFINERY, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1978, WILL REPORTEDLY USE CRUDE OIL OBTAINED MAINLY FROM SAUDI ARABIA.

4. THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE AT PRESENT THAT SWEDEN IS RESTRICTING OR PLANNING TO RESTRICT IMPORTS AS A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION. ONLY IMPORT CONTROLS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT APPLY TO STATE

TRADING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ALBANIA, BULGARIA, NORTH VIETNAM, CHINA, NORTH KOREA, MONGOLIA, POLAND, ROMANIA, SOVIET UNION, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, AND EAST GERMANY. IMPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO LICENSE, WITH EXCEPTION OF AUTOMOBILES AND CERTAIN PARTS. IN THIS CASE, IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN RETAINED ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WANTS TO RETAIN BARGAINING ITEM FOR USE IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN FUTURE.  
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